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Village of Richton Park

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Secretary Dortch:

As Mayor of Richton Park, Illinois since 2001, I have seen our community positively change and grow as a result of Comcast's investment in our community. As the town's leader and a member of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, I know firsthand the challenges we face to continue providing our citizens with opportunities, housing, access to parks where their children can play, libraries and a variety of resources that make our town a viable place to live and raise a family. I am writing today to ask that you approve the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction. It is companies such as Comcast that have given our community the opportunity to thrive.

Comcast held it's first-ever Comcast Cares Day here in Richton Park and the hundreds of volunteers from Comcast that turned out were an overwhelming testament to Comcast's commitment to community. From painting and improvement projects to cleaning up parks and packing food pantry boxes, the volunteers provided hours of service to local agencies that cannot even be measured in dollars.

Since that time I have been a true proponent of the company and its commitment to community. In fact, I supported Comcast's successful efforts to merge with NBCUniversal, a business union that has yielded ground breaking community investment programs like Internet Essentials.

Small towns face a multitude of challenges, mainly in offering citizens access to quality services, good housing, transportation, and solid educational opportunities. Comcast's Internet Essentials program bolsters and complements the work we do as civic leaders to make sure our community's next generation is able to participate in the 21st century economy and workplace by getting low-income students online at home. In Illinois alone, I understand that the program has enrolled close to 40,000 families- and many more would benefit if it could be extended to new communities in Illinois and to big cities like Los Angeles, Dallas, and New York City. That would be achieved if the Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction goes through.

As a small business owner, lifelong resident of Richton Park and a longtime supporter of Comcast, I hope you will favorably consider the Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction. I have seen the positive change Comcast has brought to our community and its good work deserves to spread well beyond our borders.

Rick Reinbold
Village President

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